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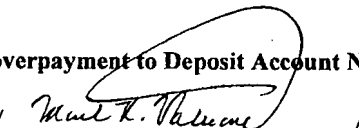
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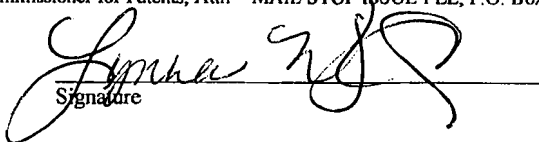


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The Applicant notes that the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance states that, for claims 1, 5, 7-11, 13-20, 22 and 30, the prior art does not teach or suggest each and every limitation of the aforementioned claims. The Applicant wishes to make of record that the prosecution history for the present application provides the proper record of which limitations of the claims the Applicant considers to be disclosed in the prior art. The fact that the Applicant did not argue that each and every limitation of the independent (and dependent claims) is not disclosed in the prior art should not be construed as an admission or acknowledgement that such limitations are in fact disclosed into the prior art, that such limitations have been surrendered during the prosecution of the application, and/or that each and every limitation of the independent claims of the present application is required to render these claims novel over the of the prior art of record.

Accordingly, the Applicant retains the right to obtain claims of broader scope (e.g., by way of a continuation, divisional, or broadening reissue application) based on the subject matter of the present application. For example, the Applicant retains the right to file applications based on the present application (including claims (1) in which certain or all limitations of the currently allowed claims are omitted, and (2) including the limitations that were examined in the current application, and which the Applicant did not expressly argue not to be disclosed in the prior art) without the Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the present application being regarded as a surrender to the prior art.

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CONCLUSION

The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at 408-278-4046 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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